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1.NYT (UPI) REPORTS HEAVY US AIR STRIKES INCLUDING

B-52S WITHIN 6 MILES OF PP WITH INTENSE FIGHTING

S OF PP ON ROUTES 2 AND 3 (ALSO NYDN, CHITRIB).

AMERICAN OBSERVER PLANE CRASHED AT POCHENTONG, BUT PILOT ESCAPED UNINJURED (ALSO NYDN). IN TAM IS REPORTED NOT TOO DISTURBED AT MILITARY SITUATION AND SCHEDULED CUTOFF OF US BOMBING (ALSO CHITRIB). SUN (REUTER) FORESEES MAJOR BATTLE SOON AT TAKHMAU 6 MILES SOUTH PP ON HIGHWAY 2. GKR REPORTS COMMUNISTS SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES PAST WEEK BUT BROUGHT IN 500 FRESH TROOPS OVER WEEKEND. IN BANGKOK, THANOM KITTIKACHON SAYS ASEAN IS SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAMBODIAN WAR.

2. BECKER (WP) REPORTS RAPIDLY RISING PRICES IN PP DUE TO HARRASSED SUPPLY ROUTES WITH WORKING CLASS PRICE INDEX UP 60 SINCE SPRING OFFENSIVE. MISMANAGEMENT OF US AID AND COUNTERPART EXPENDITURES FOR MILITARY PHANTOM TROOPS CITED AS PERSISTENT PROBLEMS. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSCRIPTION LAW AND ORGANIZATION OF PP MILITIA NOT OFF GROUND AND PROBABLY HAVE BEEN DELAYED TOO LONG.

3. HERSH (NYT), CORDDRY (SUN), GETLER (WP), AND VOLZ (NYDN), ALL REPORT SEN. SYMINGTON OF SASC, FOLLOWING CLOSED HEARINGS WITH PENTAGON SPOKESMAN FRIEDHEIM, CHARGES DECEPTION IN &969 SECRET CAMBODIAN RAIDS WITH FUNDS OBTAINED UNDER FALSE PRETENSES. EXPANDED HEARINGS INTO BOMBING PLANNED. NEW DISCLOSURES AND FURTHER RECORD FALSIFICATION HINTED. LAIRD STATES HE ADVISED KEY CONGRESSMEN PRIVATELY OF BOMBINGS AT TIME (SUN).

4. SAIGON RELEASES FIRST CIVILIAN PRISONERS AT LOC NINH (NYT'S SHIPLER, CSM'S OKA, UPI NYDN, UPI CHITRIB, WP). 900 OF OVER 4000 TOTAL SCHEDULED BUT ACTUAL RELEASE VARIOUSLY GIVEN AS 345 WITH 30 ASYLEES RETAINED (UPI), 375 (SHIPLER), AND 557 INCLUDING 20 WHO WENT AGAINST WILL (WP). CONTROVERSIAL FORMER UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPUTY TRAN NGOC CHAU WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED LATER THIS WEEK. OKA SAYS THAT PRISONERS MUST IDENTIFY SELVES AS PRO-PRG, PRO-SAIGON OR REMAIN IN JAIL.

5. NYT REPORTS LAT'S LESLIE OUSTED BECAUSE ARTICLE ALLEGED SAIGON GENERALS INVOLVED SMUGGLING BRASS SHELL CASINGS OUT OF COUNTRY. OKA (CSM) SAYS LESLIE BELIEVES STORIES ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CORRUPTION OFFENDED SAIGON REGIME. WP REPORTS SAIGON INVESTIGATION OF BRASS-SMUGGLING BY SENIOR MILITARY UNDERWAY.

6. NYT (UPI) AND REUTER REPORT THAT US-NVN TALKS AT PARIS ON POSTWAR AID TO NVN HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

7. NYT (REUTER) AND CSM REPORT THIEU WANTS ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF VC-CONTROLLED AREAS OF SVN.

8. SEIDEN (SUN) REPORTS PRESENCE OF CHEMICAL RESIDUES FROM US DEFOLIATION DETECTED IN SHRIMP RESULTED IN JAPANESE BAN RUINOUS TO SVN EXPORTERS. SHRIMP BOOM STARTED IN 1972 ACCOUNTED FOR 5/8 VN EXPORTS. RESIDUES LOW BUT JAPANESE REACTED STRONGLY. EXPORTS AT LOWER PRICES STILL GO TO SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, EUROPE AND US.

9. WP REPORTS USAF PROBE OF ALLEGED BOMBING OF HOSPITALS. CSM SAYS SEN. HUGHES WILL ASK SASC TO INVESTIGATE HOSPITAL BOMBING REPORTS.

10. DENMAN IN NYT DESCRIBES LIFE IN VN VILLAGES OBSERVED BY RANDY GELLERMAN, 25-YEAR-OLD BROOKLYN-BORN ANTHROPOLOGIST, WHILE GATHERING DATA FOR PHD.

SHE BELIEVES TRADITIONAL FAMILY STRUCTURE HAS NOT FALLEN APART BECAUSE OF WAR.

11. HAYWARD (CSM) REPORTS INDONESIA DETERMINED TO ADHERE TO ICCS ROLE. MALIK MENTIONS IRAN OR BRAZIL AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO CANADA, DOES NOT BELIEVE ICCS WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO MEMBERS.

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12. REHERT (SUN) DESCRIBES BALTIMORE-BASED EXECUTIVE FOR VN PEACE AND NEW NATIONAL PRIORITIES (BEM) AS SMALL, INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION THAT MADE DEAN'S LIST AND DEPLORES US CAMBODIAN BOMBING.

JAPAN

13. WP REPORTS JAL JET HIJACKERS RELEASE HOSTAGES AND THEN BLOW UP PLANE AT BENGHAZI AIRPORT (SUN, NYT, CHITRIB, PHINQ).

14. TRUMBULL (NYT) REPORTS TANAKA SAYS HE HOPES TO ADVANCE NEW "TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN US, JAPAN, AND WESTERN EUROPE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK. AT NEWS CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, TANAKA ALSO ENDORSES PLAN FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER, SAYS HE WOULD INVITE PRESIDENT TO VISIT JAPAN, AND HOPES THAT POSTPONED TRIP TO US BY EMPEROR WILL BE RESCHEDULED "WHEN THE CONVENIENCE OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD PERMITS". HE EMPHASIZED THAT IN FUTURE "MORE MULTIFACETED RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND US WILL BE VERY MUCH EMPHASIZED." TANAKA SAYS DEPARTURE SUNDAY WILL INAUGURATE NEW, EXPANDED DIPLOMACY FOR

JAPAN; WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO USSR AND NUMBER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF CONFERENCE OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWERS ON MEANS OF BOLSTERING INDOCHINA PEACE SETTLEMENT. PREMIER SAYS CONSTITUTION PREVENTS JAPAN ASSUMING MILITARY PEACE-KEEPING ROLE, BUT SHE WILL PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND SUPPLY TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WATERGATE INVESTIGATION AFTERMATH "WILL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INFLUENCE" ON CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT, PREMIER DECLARES, AND IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT TAPING, HE REPLIES "WHAT HAS TO BE TALKED ABOUT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE US WILL BE TALKED ABOUT WITH PERFECT CANDOR. I DON'T CARE IF THEY ARE TELEVISED TO THE US". POND (CSM) ALSO COVERS STORY, ADDS TANAKA LOOKS FORWARD TO US-JAPAN COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING SIBERIA, AND POINTS PROUDLY TO TOKYO'S SUCCESS AT HALVING US-JAPANESE TRADE IMBALANCE IN ONLY A YEAR. SUGGESTS PART OF IMPROVEMENT DUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO SUBORDINATE OWN DOMESTIC INFLATION FIGHT TO HELPING US. IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PREMIER SEES IN LAST WEEK'S SECRET BLOOD SIGNATURE BY 31 CONSERVATIVE YOUNG MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY NO DANGER TO JAPANESE DEMOCRACY IN ACTION, ONLY IMPATIENCE OF YOUTH BEFORE IT HAS MATURED.

15. UPI REPORTS ON TANAKA CONFERENCE, AND JOC PICKS UP ECONOMIC ANGLE. PREMIER SAYS DOMESTIC INFLATION PART OF PRICE JAPAN MUST PAY FOR CORRECTING TRADE IMBALANCE. JAPAN ALSO COOPERATED WITH US IN INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY CRISIS BY HOLDING MOST OF RESERVES IN DOLLARS AND NOT BUYING GOLD ON INTERNATIONAL MARKET. OF \$20 BILLION IN RESERVES, ONLY \$600 MILLION IS GOLD, BOUGHT FROM US TREASURY. PREMIER STATES US AND JAPANESE VIEWS OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM ARE "BASICALLY IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT," AND "VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AS THE KEY CURRENCY HAS TO BE MAINTAINED".

16. WSJ REPORTS JAPAN'S MITSUBISHI, SARAWAK SHELL, AND GOVERNMENTS OF SARAWAK AND MALAYSIAN FEDERATION ARE NEGOTIATING MAJOR LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY TO BE BUILT IN SARAWAK ON BORNEO. FACILITY WOULD COST ALMOST \$900 MILLION, INCLUDING NECESSARY SHIPS, AND GAS WOULD GO TO JAPAN.

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17. AFP REPORTS (WP) CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE RECENTLY ASKED JAPANESE DELEGATIONS, WHICH HAD PROPOSED TO VISIT PEKING AT END OF THIS MONTH AND EARLY AUGUST, TO POSTPONE VISITS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE PEKING

SOURCE. PEKING INDICATES TIME IS NOT OPPORTUNE AND THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE FOR SOME TIME IN OCTOBER. THESE REPORTS INTERPRETED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AS INDICATIONS THAT AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARING MAJOR PARTY MEETING FOR AUGUST, POSSIBLY 8TH CHINESE PARTY CONGRESS.

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18. WP PICKS UP STORY OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (WOLFF) REPORT THAT THAILAND IS KEY ARTERY FOR NARCOTICS FLOWING TO US BECAUSE THAI OFFICIALS DO LITTLE TO STOP THE DRUG TRAFFIC. REPORT ALSO SAYS ENFORCEMENT IS SO LAX, DRUGS OF ALL TYPES "ARE READILY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THAILAND" AND TO AMERICAN SCHOOL-AGE DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK.

19. REUTER REPORTS (BANGKOK, NYT) POLICE OFFICIALS' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RTG WILL PRESS CHARGES OF TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS AGAINST LO HSING HAN, SO-CALLED "HEROIN KING OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE" EVEN THOUGH NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS OFFERED EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM.

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

20. AP REPORTS (CANBERRA; NYDN) WHITLAM SAYS VISITS TO MEXICO, US AND CANADA WILL EMPHASIZE AUSTRALIA'S WISH TO TAKE INCREASING INTEREST IN AMERICAS. US VISIT WILL BE WORKING RATHER THAN CEREMONIAL ONE. HOPES DISCUSSIONS IN CANADA WILL FOCUS ON TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS.

21. KIRK WILL LEAVE SATURDAY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN CANADA.

FRANCE'S S. PACIFIC A-TESTS

22. UPI REPORTS (PAPEETE; PHINQ) GOF FINALLY CONFIRMS NUCLEAR TEST; WARNS NEWSMEN ABOUT ACCEPTING INITIAL ESTIMATE OF BLAST'S SIZE REPORTED BY NZ FRIGATE OTAGO. OTAGO'S VIGIL COULD FORCE FRANCE EITHER TO ABANDON OR MODIFY PACIFIC NUCLEAR TESTS.

23. PAN AMERICAN JET CRASHES ON TAKE-OFF FROM PAPEETE. 78 REPORTED KILLED, ONE SURVIVOR. ONE STEWARDESS PULLED ALIVE FROM WATER, BUT DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL (PHINQ, NYDN, NYT, CHITRIB).

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24. S-N'S YMELDA DIXON (JULY 23) INTERVIEWS MRS. MAGNUSON, WHO ACCOMPANIED SEN. MAGNUSON AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON TRIP TO CHINA EARLIER THIS MONTH. NOTES THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ARRIVED IN PEKING ON JULY 2 AND WAS MET BY HIGH CHINESE OFFICIALS AND BRUCE AND JENKINS, WHO ACCOMPANIED PARTY THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY. CHINESE HOSTESS WAS MADAME KANG, HEAD OF COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DELEGATION DID NOT MEET MAO, BUT SPENT TWO HOURS WITH CHOU. MRS. MAGNUSON TOOK "REAMS OF NOTES" DURING TOUR, WHICH APPEARS STANDARD FOR VIPS. DIXON INDICATES THAT SEN. AND MRS. MANSFIELD ARE PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP TO CHINA, NOTING THAT MANSFIELD IS LONGTIME FRIEND OF SIHANOUK.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

25. LAT (JULY 23) OBSERVES THAT JACQUES LESLIE IS FOURTH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT ORDERED EXPELLED SINCE JAN. C-F. SAYS THERE IS NO OTHER REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR EXPULSION OTHER THAN THAT GVN APPEARS ENFORCING PROGRAM TO CONCEAL WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN SVN. NOTES THAT SAIGON OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO DISPUTE WITH ACCURACY OF LSELIE'S REPORTS WHICH COVERED THE BAD WITH THE GOOD. COMMENTS THAT IF PRESS IS TO BE HARRASSED AND FRUSTRATED IN ITS FUNCTIONS, ONE IS ENTITLED TO SPECULATE THAT WHAT IS BEING CONCEALED NO LONGER MERITS SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS. FEELS THAT FUNCTION OF PRESS WILL TAKE ON GREATER IMPORTANCE IN MONTHS AHEAD AS CANADA TERMINATES PARTICIPATION IN ICCS. THERE IS ALREADY EVIDENCE THAT OBSERVATIONS OF PRESS MAY BE BETTER DETERRENT TO WHOLESALE VIOLATIONS OF C-F THAN WERE FORMAL OBSERVER TEAMS ESTABLISHED AS PART OF JAN. AGREEMENT. CONCLUDES THAT NO NEWS STORY, HOWEVER PENETRATING, CAN DAMAGE SVN IMAGE AS SURELY AS SUPPRESSION OF TRUTH.

26. S-N (JULY 23) EXPRESSES GRATIFICATION OVER RELEASE FROM VC CAPTIVITY OF TWO CANADIAN MEMBERS OF VN TRUCE COMMISSION, TOGETHER WITH THEIR VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER UNCLASSIFIED

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AND DRIVER. SAYS PEACE-KEEPING OFFICERS COULD NOT, NO MATTER HOW PARANOID VC MIGHT BE, HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR AMERICANS ON ILLEGAL, WAR-LIKE MISSION. CONCLUDES THAT SVN SEEMS DESTINED TO CONTINUE AS THEATER OF WAR LONG AFTER DEPARTURE OF US ARMS AND EXPECTED WITHDRAWAL OF CANADA'S PEACE-KEEPING KNOW-HOW.

27. LAT'S MCARTHUR (JULY 21) SAYS THERE WAS AN ALMOST AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF IN EMBASSY SAIGON WHEN MARTIN

ARRIVED; ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE RIPPLES OF APPREHENSION THAT MARTIN WOULD SOON SET ABOUT SOME HEAD-CHOPPING AND NEEDED REORGANIZATION. MARTIN WILL NEED HIS REPUTED STAMINA- HIS PROBLEMS ARE MANY AND GROWING, WITH PARIS-NEGOTIATED C-F REMAINING IN QUESTION, LOCAL ECON SITUATION WORSENING AND US RELATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE COOLED VISIBLY. MARTIN'S FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL HAVE TO BE EFFORT TO RESTORE INFLUENCE AVAILABLE DURING BUNKER'S REIGN. MCARTHUR ADDS THAT WHILE US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID PACKAGE OF SOMETHING LIKE \$2 BILLION ANNUALLY STILL GIVES MARTIN CONSIDERABLE CLOUT, TOP MILITARY MAN IS GEN. MURRAY, SENIOR ATTACHE AND LOGISTICS EXPERT; ALSO MILITARY POWER

IN INDOCHINA IS WIELDED BY USAF GEN. VOGT, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AT REMOTE BASE OF NKP, THAILAND. QUESTION INTRIGUING OUTSIDERS IN SVN, ACCORDING TO MCARTHUR, IS WHETHER MARTIN WILL BECOME UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN PROCONSUL FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA AS DID BUNKER, BY REASON OF HIS AGE, ABILITY AND CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HAK. THROUGHOUT NIXON ADMINISTRATION, EMBASSY SAIGON HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY DIVORCED FROM DOS AND HAS BEEN RUN AS HAK'S PERSONAL OUTPOST. AS SUCH, IT WAS UNOFFICIAL COMMAND CENTER FOR ALL INDOCHINA, ALTHOUGH OVERLAPPING CHAINS OF COMMAND AND PERSONAL JEALOUSY WITHIN VARYING BUREAUCRACIES LED TO GOOD BIT OF CONFUSION.

28. TOM WICKER (NYT) SAYS PROPER WORD FOR THE CAMBODIAN BOMBING STORY IS NOT DISSEMBLING OR DECEIVING OR PROTECTIVE REACTION OR COVER STORY; IT IS "LYING." REMARKS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT WORST OF ALL, ON APR. 30, 1970, PRESIDENT HIMSELF APPEARED ON NATIONAL TV AND TOLD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT SINCE 1954 US POLICY HAD BEEN TO "RESPECT SCRUPULOUSLY THE NEUTRALITY OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE," AND FIVE YEARS LATER, HE SAID, "NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR SOUTH VIETNAM HAS MOVED AGAINST" NVN SANCTUARIES IN CAMBODIA. THIS WAS AFTER 14 MONTHS OF B52 RAIDS ON CAMBODIA, INCLUDING SANCTUARIES. THIS WAS DELIBERATE AND KNOWING LIE. NEITHER CLAIM THAT IT WAS NOT REALLY LIE BUT "SPECIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENT," NOR CONTENTION THAT OTHER PRESIDENTS HAVE DONE IT, IS JUSTIFICATION. BOTH ARE INDICTMENTS OF "SECURITY" MANIA THAT DISTORTS NATIONAL LIFE.

29. PHINQ NOTES THAT WHILE MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED TREATY BANNING ATMOSPHERIC AND UNDERWATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING, FRANCE CONTINUES TO DEFY WORLD OPINION BY CONDUCTING AIR TESTS IN S PACIFIC. JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE LEADING INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS. FRANCE HAS WISELY BROKEN AWAY FROM MUCH OF NEGATIVISM THAT

MARKED EARLY GAULLIST YEARS. IT SHOULD GO STEP FURTHER NOW AND DECLARE MORATORIUM ON ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTING WHILE RECONSIDERING ITS UNFORTUNATE DECISION OF DECADE AGO NOT TO SIGN NUCLEAR TEST TREATY.

30. LAT'S DAVID LAMB (JULY 22), IN SYDNEY, CONTENTS THAT AUSTRALIA UNDER WHITLAM IS NO LONGER WALTZING MATILDA WITH ITS OLD US ALLY. CHARACTERIZES WHITLAM AS WITTY, VAIN, ARROGANT, ARTICULATE, SELF-ASSURED, HANDSOME, FORCEFUL LEADER WITH SENSE OF THEATRICAL TIMING. SAYS THE

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NIXON AND WHITLAM WILL TAKE SOME BRIDGING. NOTES THAT IN SEEKING NEW "MATURE" AUSTRALIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH US, WHITLAM HAS TRUMP CARDS IN SOME OF WORLD'S RICHEST MINERAL DEPOSITS, "SECRET" US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, AUSTRALIA'S ROLE IN SEATO, OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM, AND US BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S \$5 BILLION INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA. RECALLING THAT ALP GOVERNMENT ATTACKS AGAINST US AIR STRIKES ON HANOI LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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WINTER WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT'S DAWDLING FOR TWO MONTHS BEFORE INVITING WHITLAM TO WH, LAMB CITES US SOURCES AS SAYING INVITATION WAS FINALLY EXTENDED AFTER MARSHALL GREEN SUGGESTED THAT TO SNUB WHITLAM WOULD DO MORE TO HARM RELATIONS THAN ANYTHING THAT HAS TRANSPIRED THUS FAR. CANBERRA BELIEVES GREEN'S APPOINTMENT SIGNIFIES THAT WASHINGTON NO LONGER TAKES ITS RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA FOR GRANTED. FOR ONE THING, HE IS FIRST CAREER DIPLOMAT TO FILL THE POST AFTER STRING OF WEALTHY POLITICAL APPOINTEES. AS HE IS ONE OF DOS'S FOREMOST CHINA EXPERTS, HOWEVER, SPECULATION HAS ARISEN THAT AFTER YEAR OR SO IN CANBERRA, GREEN MAY BECOME FIRST US AMBASSADOR TO PEKING. OBSERVES THAT MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE WHITLAM HAS BECOME VICTIM OF HIS MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRIPPING AROUND THE WORLD ISSUING CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS AND GENERALLY EMBARRASSING WHITLAM AND AUSTRALIA. NOTES THAT WHITLAM'S TRIP ABROAD COMES AMID MOUNTING DIFFIJLICCHNDNNBGOME.

31. LAT'S ELEGANT (JULY 22), IN HONG KONG, CITES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS DETECTING DISTINCT UNEASINESS IN PEKING OVER MOSCOW'S WARMING RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON. CHINESE STILL ARE BELIEVED TO HOLD TO FEELING OF HAVING INSURED THEMSELVES AGAINST SOVIET "SURGICAL" STRIKE AGAINST THEIR FLEDGLING NUCLEAR FORCE THROUGH OPENING UP CONTACT WITH AMERICANS, BUT THIS HAS APPARENTLY NOT REDUCED THEIR LONG-STANDING APPREHENSION CONCERNING KREMLIN'S IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM AIMS VIS-A-VIS CHINA. INDICATES THAT IN ADDITION TO FEAR OF MILITARY ATTACK, PRC HAS FEARS OF USSR STIRRING UP RESTIVE MINORITIES CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTHWEST, WHERE CHINA'S NUCLEDGH



MISSILES AND FACTORIES ARE ALSO CONCENTRATED. USSR HAS SIMILAR APPREHENSIONS OF CHINESE EXPLOITING RUSSIA'S "MINORITY PROBLEM" WHICH IS INHERENTLY AND POTENTIALLY MUCH GREATER THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S. ALMOST ALL SPECIALISTS AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY REASONED ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT CHANCES OF SINO-SOVIET CLASH ARE SLIGHT. FOR ONE THING, DANGERS FOR BOTH SIDES ARE COMING CLOSER TO EQUILIBRIUM - NUCLEAR FORCE AGAINST NUCLEAR FORCE, SUBVERSION OF

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MINORITIES AGAINST SUBVERSION OF MINORITIES. BUT ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION STILL EXISTS, AND SINGLE MAJOR ERROR BY EITHER SIDE COULD STILL PRODUCE CONFLICT.

32. MIKE LAVELLE (CHITRIB) REPORTS ON PRC CONNECTION IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. CONTENTS THAT AS COMMUNIST CHINA IS NOW NEW LIBERAL MECCA AND SACRED COW, IT CAN SMUGGLE HEROIN INTO US VIRTUALLY WITHOUT CENSURE, PROTECTED BY LARGELY LIBERAL MEDIA WHO IRONICALLY TELL US PUBLIC HAS RIGHT TO KNOW BUT FORGET TO ADD THAT OUR RIGHT TO KNOW IS LIMITED BY WHAT THEY WISH TO TELL US. SEEMS THAT SINCE DETENTE WITH PEKING THERE HAS BEEN DOS HANDS-OFF POLICY ON RED CHINA'S HEROIN TRAFFIC, A POLICY THE NORMALLY ANTI-NIXON NEWS MEDIA SEEM TO HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH. MAINTAINING THAT MOST MEDIA INVESTIGATORS OF HEROIN TRAFFIC SEEM LIMITED TO SVN, THAILAND, TURKEY AND MARSEILLES, LA VELLE RECALLS EGYPTIAN PUBLISHER HAIKAL REPORTING IN 1965 THAT CHOU TOLD NASSER THAT /WE ARE PLANTING THE BEST KINDS OF OPIUM ESPECIALLY FOR THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN VIET NAM." SAYS REPORTERS HAVE RECENTLY DISCLOSED THAT NARCOTICS AGENTS IN NY HAVE UNCOVERED RING OF HEROIN SMUGGLERS OPERATING THROUGH PEKING-CONTROLLED HONG KONG SEAMEN'S UNION. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THEY REVEALED, THERE HAS BEEN LARGE INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF RED CHINESE HEROIN SEIZED IN NY, WHERE RED OPERATIVES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WITH AS MUCH AS \$4 MILLION WORTH OF HEROIN. INVESTIGATORS HAVE FOLLOWED HEROIN SMUGGLERS TO SECRET MEETINGS WITH RED CHINA'S UN MISSION. BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISPLAYED TO PRESS PLASTIC HEROIN BAGS WHICH HAD PRINTED ON THEM IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, "THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA." IN 1970, BEFORE DETENTE EFFORTS, BNDD PUBLISHED FACT SHEET ON HEROIN STATING THAT "IN THE FAR EAST OPIUM IS CULTIVATED IN VAST QUANTITIES IN THE YUNNAN PROVINCE OF CHINA." SUCH FACT SHEETS ARE NOW NO-NO, CASUALTIES OF DETENTE. ROGERS

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